

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER ANDERSON  
COMMISSIONER CHATBURN  
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF  
LEGAL

**FROM:** DAYN HARDIE  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

**DATE:** MAY 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF COMMISSION STAFF TO  
UPDATE INPUTS TO THE COLSTRIP METHOD; CASE NOS. AVU-E-22-  
06 and IPC-E-22-16.

On May 5, 2022, Commission Staff petitioned the Commission for an order implementing the annual update to the Colstrip-related adjustable portion of the published avoided cost rates for certain Qualifying Facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. The annual update to the Colstrip Method is scheduled to take effect on July 1.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure, with comments due twenty-one (21) days from the issuance of the Notice and reply comments due seven (7) days later.

### COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure that establishes a twenty-one (21) day comment period and a seven (7) day reply period?



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